

January 22, 2002

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 30, 2002

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 300

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The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Regional Council may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a progressive dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG offices on the 3rd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
January 30, 2002**

	<u>COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Approval of December 12, 2001 Meeting Minutes and January 11, 2002 Retreat Minutes</u>	3. Review and approve December 12, 2001 meeting minutes and January 11, 2002 retreat minutes.
4. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.	4. For information.
5. <u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	5. For information and discussion.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6A. <u>ADOT Tentative Life Cycle Program for the MAG Regional Freeway System</u> Each year, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) prepares the Tentative Life Cycle Program for the MAG Regional Freeway System and releases it for public review and comment. The Program provides the detailed plan for the design and construction of the MAG Freeway Plan for the period FY 2003 through FY 2007 given available resources. The Tentative Life Cycle Program incorporates updated revenue projections and cost estimates to reflect the latest information available. The	6A. Approve the Tentative Freeway Life Cycle Program for the MAG Freeway System for public review and comment.
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sequence of projects reflects the adopted priorities and the accelerated schedule to complete the Regional Freeway Program in 2007. The Management Committee recommended approval of the Program. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6B. Cooperatively Developed ADOT Highway Construction Program for FY 2007

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century requires that projects included in the 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program be cooperatively developed by MAG, ADOT and the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA). A cooperatively developed list of projects for funding consideration for the new fifth year of the ADOT Five-Year Highway Construction Program has been prepared and recommended for approval by the Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6C. Cooperatively Developed Transit Program

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century requires that projects included in the 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program be cooperatively developed by MAG, ADOT and the RPTA. A cooperatively developed list of projects for funding consideration has been recommended by the Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6D. Recommendation of Projects for CMAQ and STP Funding in FY 2007 of the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

It is currently estimated that \$38.6 million will be available in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds and \$3.0 million in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for programming projects in FY 2007. The Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee recommended projects

6B. Approve the cooperatively developed ADOT funded projects for the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for public review and comment.

6C. Approve the cooperatively developed RPTA funded projects for the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for public review and comment, and adjust the way these recommendations are developed in order to provide for a more comprehensive committee review.

6D. Approve the projects for CMAQ and STP funding in FY 2007 and to include those projects in the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for public review and comment, and that those project recommendations cut by the Transportation Review Committee would be given consideration if funding becomes available.

to receive these funds. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. ADOT Proposal to Accelerate State Route 85

ADOT has proposed advancing the planned improvements on State Route 85. MAG has supported funding of the improvements on SR 85 during past funding cycles. The accelerated projects would be incorporated into the tentative FY 2003-2007 Transportation Improvement Program. The Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee have recommended accelerating the planned improvements on State Route 85. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Approve accelerating the planned improvements on State Route 85 and include the accelerated project in the Draft FY 2003-2007 Transportation Improvement Program.

GENERAL ITEMS

8. MAG Governance Task Force Recommendations

At the January 11, 2002 Regional Council Retreat, the Final Recommendations of the MAG Governance Task Force were discussed and action was taken on the recommendations and principles. The principles would assist in implementing the recommendations. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. For information and discussion.

9. Transportation Public Opinion Focus Groups and Regional Telephone Survey Preliminary Results

In December, the Regional Council authorized MAG to participate with the Regional Public Transportation Authority in conducting focus groups and a regional public opinion poll. The purpose of this effort was to help assess community support for the extension of the regional one-half cent sales tax for transportation. RPTA contracted with WestGroup Research to conduct the focus groups and opinion poll. In December, five focus groups were held in different parts of the region a statistically valid telephone survey of registered voters was completed. Results of the survey will be presented by WestGroup Research at the meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. For information, discussion and possible action.

10. Executive Director Evaluation

The employment agreement entered into with the MAG Executive Director on January 21, 1997 provided that the Regional Council review and evaluate the performance of the Executive Director at least annually prior to the annual salary review. The annual evaluation and salary review will be discussed.

The Regional Council may vote to recess the meeting and go into executive session to discuss personnel matters relating to the MAG Executive Director's evaluation and salary review. The meeting may then be reconvened to make recommendations regarding the evaluation and salary review. The authority for such an executive session is A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1).

10. For information, discussion and possible action to recess the meeting to conduct an executive session and to reconvene the meeting for possible action to take action relating to the annual evaluation and salary review of the MAG Executive Director.